

C.E. McCormick Students Become KRMCA Certified

C.E. McCormick ATC carpentry students Justin Vance and Ben Bezold, under the direction of Instructor David Lawson, recently became KRMCA (KY Ready Mix Concrete Association) certified residential concrete finishers. This is something of a feat since high school students do not normally obtain this type of certification. And, these young men are the first McCormick students to achieve this benchmark.

The KRMCA offers a state residential concrete finishing certification. Its benefit is to provide documentation that a certified or qualified person has taken a test and completed a performance evaluation.

Photo at right: Mr. Doug Seyfried (center) of Reis Concrete, had the privilege of presenting Justin Vance and Benzold with their official certificates and KRMCA jackets.



Mr. Doug Seyfried of Reis Concrete, a member of Lawson's advisory committee, provided the students with an opportunity to participate in a recent certification class. Both students passed a 50 question written test in addition to passing a "hands-on" performance evaluation. Reis Concrete Products agreed to allow the students this opportunity as a result of the recommendation from their instructor and because both co-op at companies that purchase concrete from Reis.

"Justin and Ben are two fine young men that have exhibited a great work ethic. They are both good students who have progressed extremely well in my classroom and it was a pleasure for me to recommend them on their merit," says Lawson. "Mr. Seyfried was also instrumental in providing this pathway for certification. He understands that our program is rigorous, as well as relevant in teaching students the skills they need to enter the workforce and we appreciate his willingness to help. Both students will have an added value in credentials upon graduation to help them acquire the job they desire."

Justin Vance is a senior at Campbell County and co-ops at Holtz and Youtsey Concrete Construction Co. Ben Bezold is a senior at Bishop Brossart and co-ops at F & T Construction Co. The names of both students will be placed in a statewide database where prospective customers and/or employers can see that they are certified concrete finishers.

Lawson has always been known as a fine teacher who works extensively with business and industry for the benefit of his students. Over the years, he has had an active advisory committee and been able to provide opportunities for students to achieve higher standards. As well, he has received numerous honors including being named as the AGC (Associated General Contractors) Kentucky Teacher of the Year in both 2001 and 2003.



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